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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2002, the applicant in the above-identified patent application provisionally elect, WITH TRAVERSE Group 1, Claims 1-7. If there are any questions regarding this Response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.



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